

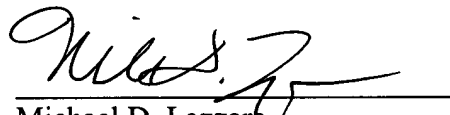
Remarks

In the specification, paragraph [0001] has been amended to update priority information associated with the present application. In addition, paragraph [0117] has been amended to correct a minor editorial issue. In the drawings, Figure 17 has been amended to address an obvious typographical error.

Applicant submits that the present amendments do not constitute addition of new matter to the present application.

Consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. Any questions or concerns are invited to the attention of applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Lazzara
Reg. No. 41,142

Attorney for Applicant

KIRKPATRICK & LOCKHART LLP
Henry W. Oliver Building
535 Smithfield Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312

Telephone: (412) 355-8994
Facsimile: (412) 355-6501
E-mail: mlazzara@kl.com

Customer No. 26285

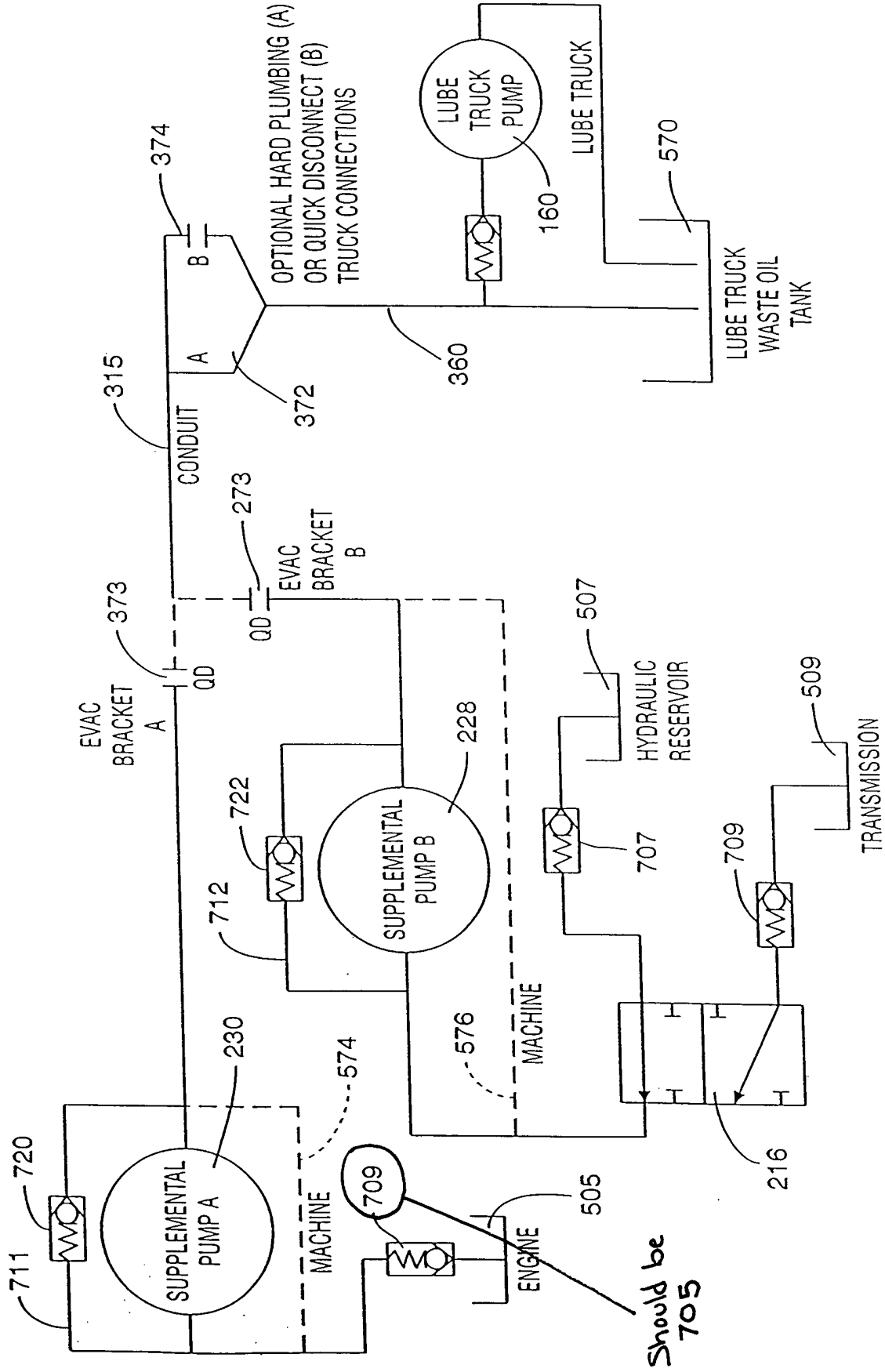


Fig. 17